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1. As a means for achieving labor unity in Chile, a Comando Nacional has been formed by representatives of the Movimiento Unitario Nacional de Trabajadores (MUNT), the Comite Relacionador de Unidad Sindical (CRUS), and the Junta Nacional de Empleados de Chile (JUNECh). These groups hope that the Comando Nacional will be able to unify Chilean labor in a new centralized organization.
2. There are disagreements between the component parts, however, which are proving obstacles to unity, and particularly disagreements between CRUS and MUNT, and between MUNT and JUNECh.
3. The Communists have refused to dissolve the Communist-controlled branch of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Chile (CTCh Comunista). The Socialist and Anarchist leaders of CRUS and MUNT have reasoned that the formation of a new centralized labor organization will eliminate the need for existing unions, such as the CTCh Comunista and the CTCh Socialista. At present, all the federations, syndicates, and unions controlled by the CTCh Comunista are incorporated in MUNT. Although well represented in MUNT, the Communists do not control its directive body and the Secretary General of that organization is Ernesto Miranda, an Anarchist. On the other hand, the CTCh Comunista is completely controlled by the Communists. Therefore, the Political Commission of the Communist Party has allegedly issued instructions that the CTCh Comunista should not be dissolved and that its present position should be maintained. It is reported that when the Socialists realized what position the Communists were taking in the matter, they decided not to disband their CTCh Socialista.
4. The Communists also want to maintain their CTCh as a basic organization to which its affiliated syndicates and federations will remain loyal in the event of a show-down with MUNT, CRUS, and JUNECh. The Communists are hoping to be able to take advantage of the general movement toward labor unity to strengthen their own labor organization.
5. At a meeting on 3 October 1950 when MUNT, CRUS, and JUNECh delegates were discussing making common cause in their fight against the proposed "Obligatory Savings" and other proposed anti-inflation laws, a bitter disagreement broke out between two MUNT delegates and the JUNECh delegation. The MUNT delegates, Lautaro Videla and Humberto Valenzuela, were representatives of the Trotskyite Partido Obrero Revolucionario (POR), and argued that the workers could never achieve unification with the employee class. The MUNT representatives claimed

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that the employee classes were practically members of the bourgeoisie and that class struggle could not be avoided by compromise with them. Ildelfonso Aloman, the Communist representative on MGMT, and Humberto Soto, the Popular Socialist representative, came to the defense of the JUNECh employees. There is reportedly constant dissension between the Trotskyite and Stalinist factions. The JUNECh representatives at the meeting, Santiago Alegria and Eduardo Long Alessandri, did not enter the discussions at the meeting.

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Comment: It is believed that the Communists are anxious to retain the CTCh organization, even though divided, in order to maintain its affiliation with the CTAL.

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